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## **Administrative Bulletin 24-21**

### **101 CMR 322.00: *Rates for Durable Medical Equipment, Oxygen and Respiratory Therapy Equipment***

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#### **Cellular Network Personal Emergency Response System**

### **Introduction**

This administrative bulletin adds cellular network Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) to the services covered by MassHealth. Members may now connect using either a landline or cellular network. This is allowed under 101 CMR 322.03(16)(b). MassHealth is also adding the U8 modifier, which will identify the use of a cellular network with a PERS. Billing the PERS codes without the U8 modifier will indicate a landline PERS was used.

### **New Modifier**

<b>Modifier</b>	<b>Description</b>
U8	Informational modifier to be used in combination with S5160, S5161RR, S5162, and S5162TW when the unit is a cellular network Personal Emergency Response System.

### **Addition of Modifier and Code Combinations**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Description</b>
S5160 U8	\$38.53	<i>Cellular Network</i> Emergency Response System; installation and testing

Code	Rate	Description
S5161 RR U8	\$20.00	<i>Cellular Network</i> Emergency Response System: service fee, per month (excludes installation and testing)
S5162 U8	AAC+30%	<i>Cellular Network</i> Emergency Response System; purchase only
S5162 TW U8	\$30.00	<i>Cellular Network</i> Emergency Response System; purchase only (back-up equipment; for MassHealth members only, use this HCPCS code and modifier combination for a replacement auto alert transmitter button for PERS, used for a lost button only, cannot be billed separately at the time the unit is installed)